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PAIGNTON URBAN DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1965

p r e f a c e

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I present my Report for 1965 in accordance with instructions issued in Circular 1/66 of the Ministry of Health dated 11th January, 1966.

VITAL STATISTICS

Population

This again shows a substantial increase entirely due to inward migration and the Registrar General has estimated the mid-year population (June, 1965) to be 31,260 persons an overall increase of 820 persons since mid-1964. The area of the district has remained unaltered at 5,188 acres, but the density of population has increased to 6.026 persons per acre.

There are 2.296 houses per acre and 2.625 persons per house which is slightly above the 1964 figures. This indicates that provision of new housing is matching the population increase.

Births and Deaths

The standardised live birth rate at 18.39 per thousand population is above the National Average of 18.1 and the standardised death rate at 10.52 is below the National Average of 11.3. Even so there were 125 more deaths than births in the town, giving an indication of the high proportion of elderly folk residing at Paignton.

There were 48 illegitimate births and 5 still births. As to be expected deaths from diseases of the heart and circulation (241) account for over 43% of deaths, with cancer being a runner up (160) at 19%. There were three fatal motor vehicle accidents, nine other accidents and three suicides.

GENERAL HEALTH

Prevention of Dental Caries in Children

Following receipt of another circular from the Ministry of Health

concerning the desirability of adding sodium fluoride to the drinking water up to one part per million (0.1 mgm per litre) to prevent children from developing dental caries, and in spite of your Medical Officer's recommendation to take this step, the Council, with very little discussion re-affirmed it's previous attitude to oppose this public health preventive measure. It is incomprehensible to me that Councillors are prepared to let the Country spend vast sums of taxpayers money yearly on our dental services, and to allow children to suffer the pain and inconvenience of dental decay and toothache when the simple procedure of adding fluoride to drinking water would cost only a few pence per head of population per year. I look forward to the day when the addition of sodium fluoride to drinking water will become mandatory, by Act of Parliament.

Home Accident

Early in May a child age three years eight months was admitted to hospital suffering from asprin poisoning. The child had been confined to bed at home with an attack of measles and his mother had accidentally left a bottle of junior asprin on the table nearby. The child swallowed twenty-five tablets. He was given treatment in hospital and I am pleased to say made a full recovery. A Health Visitor made a home visit and discussed home safety with the parents stressing the desirability of keeping all medicine safely locked away out of reach of all children, at all times.

Meals-on-Wheels

Discussions commenced during the year between the Devon County Council and the Paignton Urban District Council concerning a proposal to develop a meals-on-wheels kitchen in premises at the rear of the Central Clinic, 14 Midvale Road, Paignton.

Old People's Welfare - National Assistance Act, 1948

It was not necessary to use Section 47 of the above Act during the year, but three elderly persons in need of care and attention were dealt with appropriately by informal means.

One person was buried in accordance with Section 20 of the above Act.

Environmental Health

The Public Health Inspectors have reported in detail on what for them has been a very busy year. Routine inspections have increased and the

coming into force of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act has caused additional work. On the whole 1965 was a good year, as a study of their report will show.

In conclusion I wish to record my appreciation of the co-operation received during the year from Councillors and my Colleagues on the Staff.

JOHN WILDMAN

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1966.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - 1965

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E. R. ATTWOOD

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the Session 1965/66 was Councillor T. S. SHARP, J.P., and the Vice-Chairman was Councillor J. C. P. KINGSLAND, C.C.

SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1965

TABLE 1

Figures for 1964 are shown in brackets

POPULATION:

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Paignton Urban District

31,260 (31,000)

Natural increase or decrease	...	...	- 125	(- 75)
Migration in or out	...	...	+ 385	(+895)
Total increase or decrease	...	...	+ 260	(+820)

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area of Paignton Urban District in Acres 5,188

Area of pleasure grounds (acres)	...	349.024
Area of foreshore (acres)	...	151.300
Length of coastline (miles)	...	4.58
Coastline owned by Council (miles)	...	3.66

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Book

11,914 (11,656)

Number of Houses per acre	...	...	2.296
Number of Persons per acre	...	...	6.026
Number of Persons per house	...	...	2.625

Rateable Value of District £1,567,276

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate £6,315

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1965

TABLE 2

Figures for 1964 are shown in brackets

BIRTHS:

Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	18.39	(18.66)
Area Comparability Factor for Births ...	1.33	(1.33)

Number of Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Total	220	212	432
Legitimate	202	182	384
Illegitimate	18	30	48
Number of Still Births	1	4	5

DEATHS:

Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population	10.52	(9.43)
Area Comparability Factor for Deaths ...	0.59	(0.61)

Number of Deaths

	Males	Females	Total
All Ages - Total	277	280	557
Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.	5	2	7
Number under 4 weeks of age	3	2	5
Number under 1 week of age	1	2	3

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births 16.20 (13.79)

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BIRTH RATE: 18.1 (18.4) DEATH RATE: 11.5 (11.3)

Infantile Mortality Rate 19.0 (20.0)
(Infants under one year of age)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified During 1965

TABLE 1

DISEASE	TOTAL	Age Group in Years: Under 1	1-	5-	15-	25-	Over 65
Scarlet Fever	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Measles	72	4	46	20	2	0	0
Food Poisoning	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tuberculosis (Lungs)	7	0	0	1	2	4	0

TABLE 2

DISEASE	TOTAL	Incidence by Quarters: 1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Scarlet Fever	2	1	0	0	1
Measles	72	22	19	27	4
Food Poisoning	1	0	0	1	0
Tuberculosis (Lungs)	7	0	3	2	2

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

During the year 571 certificates of Smallpox and Cholera vaccination in respect of persons travelling abroad were authenticated by the Public Health Department.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Food Poisoning

One case of enteritis due to Salmonella typhimurium was reported. Investigations revealed that three persons were affected and had brought the infection into the area with them. The source of infection was traced back to a herd of fifty-four calves, a number of which had died of the illness. Routine precautions were instituted locally and no further cases occurred.

Prevention of Tuberculosis

In March the Mass X-Ray Unit commenced the first of it's fortnightly visits which continued throughout the year. Paignton Council have allocated a site for the Unit in the Car Park at Victoria Park which the Unit occupies for approximately one and a half hour's per visit.

A school canteen worker was admitted to Hawkmoor Chest Hospital suffering from active pulmonary tuberculosis. All thirty-two of the school staff were invited to have a chest X-Ray and all the children at the school were given a skin test (Heaf test). Children who had been a contact of the canteen worker, but who had left for other schools were also followed up and skin tested. No other cases of tuberculosis were detected as a result of this episode.

Prevention of Smallpox

Following a request from the County Medical Officer arrangements were made for the re-vaccination against smallpox of the following categories of personnel:-

Health Visitors, Midwives, Clinic Staff, St. John Ambulance Staff and members of the St. John Ambulance Association, Public Health Staff.

It is three years since the majority of these people were re-vaccinated.

Contacts of Smallpox

Two Paigntonians who went on a cruise to North Africa were unvaccinated and may have been in contact with smallpox during their holiday. They were kept under surveillance for the requisite period of time, after their return, and were strongly advised to be vaccinated before venturing abroad again.

Illness outbreak at a school

During March eighty-two children, just over half of the total number of pupils at the Roman Catholic School in Paignton, were taken ill quite suddenly with acute vomiting and diarrhoea. The illness lasted only a few hours and many of the victims were back at school the next day.

Routine inquiries and investigations failed to detect the cause, and bacteriological tests upon a specimen from one adult patient, proved negative. School dinners were not implicated and no other school was affected. Everyone made a complete recovery.

OTHER DISEASES INFORMALLY NOTIFIED

A total of seventy-six cases of illness was notified informally through the shool health services and by the Torbay Hospital Annexe. Details are shown below:-

January - March

Mumps	27		
Measles	2	Chickenpox	6
Scarlet Fever	2	Gastro Enteritis	1

April - June

Croup	1	Mumps	6
Chickenpox	11	Asprin Poisoning	1
Measles	1	Tonsilitis	1

July - September

Mumps	1	Diarrhoea	1
Chickenpox	5	Pneumonia	1
Impetigo	1	Rheumatic Fever	1
Gastro Enteritis	1	Malaria (contracted abroad)	1

October - December

Infective Hepatitis	1		
Menigitis	1		
Sonne Dysentery	1	Otitis Media	2

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1965

Line No.		M	F	Total
	ALL CAUSES	277	280	557
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	0	2
2	Tuberculois, other	0	0	0
3	Syphilitic disease	1	0	1
4	Diphtheria	0	0	0
5	Whooping Cough	0	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections	0	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8	Measles	0	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic disease	1	1	2
10	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	11	8	19
11	" " lungs, bronchus	15	7	22
12	" " breast	0	5	5
13	" " uterus	-	2	2
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	28	29	57
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	0	1
16	Diabetes	1	1	2
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	48	66	114
18	Coronary disease, angina	63	47	110
19	Hypertension with heart disease	0	7	7
20	Other heart disease	41	51	92
21	Other circulatory disease	9	9	18
22	Influenza	0	0	0
23	Pneumonia	7	7	14
24	Bronchitis	11	2	13
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	3	1	4
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	3
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	0	2	2
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	3
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	0	0
31	Congenital malformations	2	0	2
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	17	29	46
33	Motor vehicle accidents	3	0	3
34	All other accidents	5	4	9
35	Suicide	3	0	3
36	Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR PAIGNTON 1965

LABORATORY SERVICE

Laboratory facilities for the bacteriological examination of pathological specimens, samples of milk, water, ice cream and shell fish, are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter. (Telephone: Exeter 54959).

In emergency, certain (medical) specimens can be examined at the Laboratory of the Torbay Hospital, Torquay.

The chemical analysis of water and other samples is undertaken by Dr. Cedric V. Reynolds, Public Analyst, 1 Barnfield Crescent, Exeter. (Telephone: Exeter 72836).

COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

The following are some of the County Council Services available under the National Health Service Act, 1946. Full details can be obtained from the County Medical Officer, Health Department, County Hall, Exeter.

Home Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting and Welfare Centres

There are six District Nurse/Midvives, four Health Visitors and a Nursing Assistant. Child Welfare Sessions are held at 14 Midvale Road, Paignton (Telephone: 59131) on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons; at the Baptist Church Hall Preston, Paignton on Wednesday afternoons and on Tuesday afternoons at the Devon County Council Clinic, Smallcombe Road, Foxhole, Paignton. (Telephone: 58194).

Vaccinations, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunisations

A Medical Officer at the Welfare Centres will vaccinate or immunise babies at the request of parents. Family Doctors will also provide this prophylaxis free of charge.

Home and Domestic Help Service

The Devon County Council Home Help Organiser has an office at the Central Clinic, 14 Midvale Road, Paignton (Telephone: 59131).

This service aims to provide essential domestic help in cases of maternity, sickness, convalescence, old age and infirmity. The service is not free, but

persons if unable to pay the full charges, are assessed according to their means.

Ambulance Service

The service is under the general direction of the County Medical Officer but the local administration is carried out by the Paignton St. John Ambulance and Nursing Brigade, under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council.

Doctors requiring an ambulance are advised to telephone the Ambulance Radio Control Centre at Torquay, Telephone: 39345. However, it is still permissible to telephone the local Ambulance Station at Littlegate Road, Paignton, Telephone: 57602.

For infectious disease other than smallpox ambulance arrangements are still made by the Torbay Hospital Annexe (Telephone: Torquay 63276), for cases entering the Hospital from the Paignton area.

Special arrangements exist for the treatment of smallpox at Liskeard Smallpox Hospital, Cornwall. Arrangements for transport of such cases are made through Torbay Ambulance Radio Control Centre and the Plymouth City Ambulance Service who will provide the necessary ambulance facilities.

Hospital Car Services

The Hospital Car Service (organised by the S.J.A.B., B.R.C.S., and W.V.S.) operates under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. It transports sitting cases who can enter or leave a vehicle unaided. Arrangements for a hospital car will be made by the hospital, upon application by a Medical Practitioner.

Mental Health

Arrangements for mental treatment on the recommendation of a Medical Practitioner are made by the Social Workers in Mental Health, Miss. O. F. Evans and Mr. W. J. Gliddon, 14 Midvale Road, Paignton. (Telephone: 59131).

HOSPITAL SERVICES

These are provided by the Torquay and District Hospital Management Committee on behalf of the South-Western Regional Hospital Board.

The Paignton and District Hospital situated at Church Street, Paignton is a General Hospital with an establishment of 51 beds.

There is a Recovery Hospital with 24 beds at Kings Ash, Paignton, with a General Practitioner Staff (as for Paignton Hospital).

The District is also served for general cases by the Torbay Hospital, Torquay, whilst cases of infectious disease (except smallpox) are received at the Torbay Hospital Annexe, Torquay.

Emergency treatment in Hospital of cases of Acute Poisoning may be obtained at the Torbay Hospital, Torquay. A Regional Poisons Bureau is also maintained at Guy's Hospital, London.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES

There are 20 General Medical Practitioners together with 13 Dentists and a School Dental Clinic in Paignton.

OTHER SERVICES

Nurseries

There are three Day Nurseries in the District. One of them is also a residential nursery.

Old People's Welfare

A number of voluntary agencies including the Guild of Social Service (Telephone: 57604) cater for the needs of old people. The service includes a Meals-on-Wheels service.

Chiropody Service

A County Council Chiropodist operates a foot clinic at the Central Clinic 14 Midvale Road, Paignton. Treatment is available for handicapped persons, the elderly and any expectant mothers who may be in need of chiropody. Most cases are referred to the clinic by the family doctor, but there is provision for health visitors, district nurses and voluntary agencies to refer cases to the County Medical Officer.

Citizen's Advice Bureau

Sessions are held at the Rest Centre, Bishop's Place, Paignton from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily, except at week-ends. Facilities for Marriage Guidance can be arranged.

Infertility and Family Planning Clinics

Clinic sessions at 14 Midvale Road, Paignton are held regularly by the Torbay Branch of the Family Planning Association. Interviews are arranged by appointment. Telephone Paignton 43343 between 9 and 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

Source of Supply

Water is supplied by the South West Devon Water Board. In general the water supply to Paignton is derived from two moorland catchment areas known as Holne and Swincombe. Holne is an impounding reservoir of a capacity of 190,000,000 gallons and Swincombe is a river intake which is piped to Holne via a 24 inch diameter bitumen lined steel main.

During the summer months water is also obtained from the South West Devon Water Board's Radial Collector above Totnes Weir, and is pumped to Paignton through a 15 inch diameter concrete lined main.

Treatment

All the water is treated with chlorine before use, and where necessary it is also filtered or undergoes pH correction.

Quality

Regular testing showed that the water was of excellent quality. A total of 151 samples comprising 47 from reservoirs and 104 from taps was examined.

Chemical

The result of a chemical analysis of the treated water on 31st May, 1965, was as follows:-

Chemical Results in Parts per Million

Appearance:	Bright with a very slight yellow-brown deposit
Microscopical examination:	Traces of mineral and organic matter
Colour:	12 (Hazen scale)
Turbidity:	Less than 3 units (A.P.H.A.)
Odour: Hot and Cold	None
Taste: Hot and Cold	None
Free Carbon Dioxide:	Absent

Electric Conductivity:		120
Chlorine present as Chloride:		14
Dissolved Solids dried at 180°		80
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate:		40
Hardness:	Total:	45
	Carbonate:	40
	Non-Carbonate:	5
Nitrate Nitrogen:		0.4
Nitrite Nitrogen:		Absent
*Ammoniacal Nitrogen:		0.00
*Albuminoid Notrogen:		0.04
Oxygen absorbed:		1.3
Residual Chlorine:		Absent
Metals:	Iron:	0.18
	Zinc:	Absent
	Copper:	Absent
	Lead:	Absent
Hydrogen Ion Concentration equivalent to pH		8.3

*To convert to Ammonia multiply by 1.21

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance. It has a faintly alkaline reaction and is free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The water is soft in character with a comparatively low content of mineral and saline constituents in solution. It shows only slight colouration and is of satisfactory organic quality. No abnormal taste or odour could be detected.

From the aspect of the chemical analysis these results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

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A fluoride estimation done some years ago showed that the water contained 0.096 parts per million of natural fluoride - less than one tenth of the recommended amount.

The treated water is not plumbosolvent.

REFUSE, SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND DRAINAGE

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Household refuse is collected weekly, free of charge. A charge is made for the collection of trade refuse and any additional collection from private households.

It is disposed of by controlled tipping in part of the Clennon Valley. This is part of a long term plan to reclaim land which will ultimately be used for sporting facilities.

Sewage Disposal

Sewage flows to the sewage pumping station in the Clennon Valley, whence it is pumped into a trunk sewer which discharges into the English Channel off Sharkham Point, Brixham (outside Torbay). No foul sewers from Paignton discharge into Torbay.

Storm Water and New Main Drainage Scheme

Stage II of the work was completed during the year. Stage III had not started by the end of the year.

Public Conveniences

Free hand washing facilities are provided at 12 men's and 14 women's conveniences out of a total of 19 men's and 19 women's conveniences in the District.

The main shelter conveniences on the sea front were demolished to make way for the new Festival Hall and temporary men's and women's conveniences were erected nearby on Paignton Green.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Drainage and Sewerage Inspections

222 new dwellings were completed during the year and considerable time was given to the supervision of the design and construction of drainage systems. The tests and inspections carried out are classified as follows:-

New Buildings

Sewer connections inspected	...	71
Tests of drainage	...	712

Existing Buildings

Sewer connections inspected	...	1
Tests of drainage	...	116

Choked Drains and Sewers

Informal action was taken in 122 instances to secure clearance of obstructions.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

Treatment was carried out for the following reasons:-

New Tenancies	1		
Infectious Disease	1	Deaths	9

15 articles were treated as follows:-

2 mattresses and 4 pillows were disinfected
2 mattresses, 5 pillows and 2 blankets were destroyed

Camping Sites

There were 42 sites occupied during the year by tents, caravans and chalets. Two sites, Waterside and Grange Court are owned by the Paignton Council.

266 visits were made to the camping sites during the year. With generally good co-operation from those concerned, improvement in general facilities for the camper continues.

A survey was made during the last week in July and first week in August and gave the following figures:-

	1964	1965
Number of Campers	19,799	19,254
Number of Caravans	2,741	2,712
Number of Huts and Chalets	949	980
Number of Tents	2,005	1,872

Swimming Pools

There are six swimming pools at holiday camps, two at hotels and three at schools in the Urban Area. All are equipped with filtration and chlorination apparatus.

Swimming Pool Samples

Ten samples of swimming pool water were tested bacteriologically. Four of the samples were placed in Class I (satisfactory), one in Class II (good), one in Class III (suspicious) and four in Class IV (unsatisfactory).

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Three persons are registered as Dealers in Scrap Metal in accordance with the provisions of Section I of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rodent Control

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Infestation Control Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, ten per cent of the sewers in the District are test-baited annually. From evidence based on the results of this test two maintenance tests were carried out in the early spring and autumn.

The tests emphasise that very few rats are to be found in the sewers in the elevated parts of the town. Takes were recorded in the sewers in the low-lying parts and although it does not seem possible to eradicate the rats completely from this area, there is no evidence to show that their numbers are increasing.

Treatments to private houses were free of charge, but a charge is made for treating business premises.

The following Table summarises the incidence of infestation and action taken and is based on returns submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

	Council Premises	Dwelling Houses	Business Premises	Agricul-tural	TOTAL
No. Properties Inspected	33	469	231	9	742
No. Infested with Rats	13	165	37	3	218
No. Infested with Mice	1	15	9	0	25
No. Properties Treated	14	180	46	3	243

Wasp Nests

60 wasp nests were destroyed.

HOUSING ACTS

HOUSING REPAIRS AND RENTS ACT

Inspections

A total of 125 premises was inspected for housing defects or statutory nuisances under the Housing Acts or Public Health Acts, and 49 notices were served. The number of inspections made for this purpose was 212. The work was carried out following the service of Informal Notices.

One unfit house was demolished during the year.

HOUSING PROGRESS DURING 1965

The Housing Officer has supplied information on which the following report on Council Houses is based.

Council Houses

Allocations were made for the following reasons:-

Overcrowded Conditions	9	Court Orders	3
Unsuitable Conditions	20	Transfers	57
Health Reasons	3	Miscellaneous Reasons	27

Photo: S. H. Bone

Kingsland Court — rear view

Housing Estates

The Council's properties are situated in the following areas of the town:-

Clifton Rise	12
Colley End	13
Foxhole	784
Kings Ash	11
Maidenway	47
Preston	130
St. Michael's	169
Stanley Gardens	62
Tweenaway	202
Miscellaneous localities	13
	1,443

Housing Waiting List

The Housing List was revised at the end of the year and was as follows:-

General Waiting List	256
Pensioners	173
Short List	10
Applicants with under five years residential qualification	70

The total being 509 persons.

Kingsland Court, Tweenaway

This block of flats named after Councillor J. C. P. Kingsland, C.C., Chairman of the Housing Committee came into occupation in August, 1965. It consists of a block of 21 flats for pensioners and cost just under £39,000. The photograph illustrating these flats was taken in June when they were nearing completion, and shows a ramp at the rear of the building leading to the first floor.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream

There are 140 vendors and 4 manufacturers registered for the sale or manufacture of ice cream. The types of premises retailing this commodity are as follows:-

Grocers	32	Holiday Camp Stores	13
Greengrocers/Fruiterers	12	Garage Sales Shops	2
Confectioners	58	Restaurants	24
General Stores	6	Snack Bars	11
Kiosks	15	Cinemas	2
Multiple Store	1	Theatres	2
		Bingo Hall	1

of the four ice cream maunfacturers two manufacture by hot mix, and two by cold mix.

Samples

Eighteen samples of ice cream were tested bacteriologically. Nine of these samples were placed in Grade I (satisfactory), one in Grade II (only fair), four in Grade III (unsatisfactory) and four in Grade IV (very bad).

Unsound Food

The total amount of food condemned was approximately eighteen hundred weights. The types of food are listed below:-

Canned and Preserved Food

Meat	201 cans	Milk Puddings	57 cans
Fish	65 cans	Preserves	3 cans
Fruit	374 cans	Fruit Juice	1 can
Vegetables	274 cans	Soup	37 cans
Frozen Eggs	3 cans	Cream	22 cans
Chocolate Pudding	1 can	Milk	38 cans

Other Foods

Meat	306 lb.		
Fish	109 lb.	Cheese	10 lb.
Jam	2 jars	Peaches	352

Over one hundred weight of food was damaged by fire and because of a refrigeration breakdown 264 packets of frozen foods were condemned.

Condemned foodstuffs were disposed of under supervision at the Council's refuse tip.

Food Samples sent for Analysis

The Public Health Inspector of the Devon County Council in accordance with the authority given by the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, caused the following samples to be analysed during the year:-

Butter	
Margarine	Milk (14 Samples)
Orange Drink	Fruit Salad
Blood Pressure Herbs	Pork Sausages
Sweetening Tablets	Margarine 10% butter
Beef Sausages	Minced Turkey in Jelly
Dandelion Coffee	Blackcurrant Sweets

All the above samples were found to be genuine.

A pasty was found to contain a foreign body, which consisted of a fragment of rag. A warning letter was sent to the producer.

Inspection of Food Premises

A summary of types of food premises and inspections carried out is as follows:-

Number of Premises		Number of Inspections
46	Restaurants/Cafes/Snack Bars	140
300	Hotels, Boarding Houses	54
3	Holiday Camp Kitchens	1
6	Staff Canteens	4
24	Baker/Confectioners, Bakehouses	23
84	General Grocers, Greengrocers	139
28	Butchers, Cooked Meats	115
4	Ice Cream Manufacturers	4
13	Fishmongers/Fryers	47
6	Shellfish Dealers/Processors	16
59	Licensed Premises	35
2	Beer and Mineral Water Bottlers	3
9	Wines and Spirits Merchants	2
60	Confectioners	17
1	Wholesale Confectioners	1
21	Kiosks, Refreshment Huts	16
3	Mobile Shops	4
4	Fruit and Vegetable Wholesalers	4
2	Milk Depots	4
	Inspections of food delivery vehicles	46

A total of 80 Notices was served.

Other Food Premises

46 Premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale.

Bakehouses	10	Fish Fryers	8		
Butchers	24	Grocers	3	Small Goods Factory	1

Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963

The Public Health Inspectors attended the Torquay Abattoir on two days a week giving a total of 103 days attendance for the year. They also visited the Dartmouth Abattoir on four days.

SHELLFISH

Samples of Crab Meat

Seven samples of crab meat, both white and brown, were taken during the year. Four of the samples were satisfactory, the remainder did not attain the required standard.

S E C T I O N D

MISCELLANEOUS ACTS

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

There was no serious smoke nuisance in the area during the period under review, and minor infringements were remedied informally.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

There are four premises licensed under the above Act.

RAG FLOCK ACT, 1951

Three premises are registered under the Act. No premises are licensed for the manufacture or storage of Rag Flock.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

The Council is responsible for the administration of the whole of the provisions of the Shops Act.

Informal action was taken in respect of six reported infringements of closing hours. There are 601 shop premises in the area.

One Order made by the Devon County Council has been adopted by this Council thus continuing a policy that has been in operation since 1912. This Order, made under Section 40, suspends the weekly half-holiday closing during the four months June to September.

The Council by an Order made under Section 41 of the Act substituted the hour of 9.30 p.m. for the general closing hours. The Order is applicable to part of the Urban District and is operative for the four months June to September each year.

Sunday Trading Order, 1962

In 1962 a further Order made under Section 51 of the Shops Act, 1950, permitted certain Sunday trading within parts of the Urban District on eighteen specified Sundays.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There are two premises licensed under this Act, and both are managed in a satisfactory manner.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

This Act came into operation on 1st April, 1965. Satisfactory Veterinary Reports were received in respect of five premises which were licensed under the above Act.

AGRICULTURE (SAFETY HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956

10 Farms were inspected under this Act and all were found to have adequate toilet arrangements.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER 1957

One premises was inspected during the year, and the requirements of the Order were complied with.

PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 AND 1936

64 licences to store 409,596 gallons of petroleum were issued.

2 x 3,000 gallon tanks were installed during the year and tested. Three tanks came into disuse, two were filled in with concrete and one with water. Six disused tanks were inspected.

EXPLOSIVES ACTS, 1875 AND 1923

35 licences were issued for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives:-

Explosives in magazine - Mode 'A'	...	1
Shops for the sale of cartridges, Class 6 Division 3	...	7
Shops for the sale of fireworks, Class 7 Division 2	...	27

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following information was included in the Annual Return submitted to H.M. Factory Inspector, Bristol.

426 premises were registered at the end of the year as follows:-

Offices	102
Retail Shops	271
Wholesale Shops/Warehouses	14
Catering Establishments open to the Public/Canteens	39
Fuel Storage Depots	0

143 inspections were made during the year and informal notices issued in respect of the following contraventions:-

Overcrowding	1
Temperature	22
Lighting	7
Sanitary Conveniences	6
Washing facilities	23
Clothing Accommodation	4
Sitting facilities	1
Eating facilities	1
Floors, passages and stairs	11
First Aid general provisions	25

SECTION E

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

URBAN DISTRICT OF PAIGNTON

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1965. A total of 99 inspections was made in respect of 172 premises listed in the Factories Register.

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power:
(Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6)

Number on Register	...	...	14
Inspections	...	...	6
Written Notices	...	...	0
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	0

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power:
(Section 7)

Number on Register	...	...	128
Inspections	...	...	63
Written Notices	...	...	3
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	0

(iii) Other premises under the Act:
(Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworkers' Premises).

Number on Register	...	...	30
Inspections	...	...	30
Written Notices	...	...	0
Occupiers prosecuted	...	...	0

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Defect	Found	Remedied	Defects referred to H.M. Inspector	Defects referred by H.M. Inspector
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	1
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	16	14	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0

Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted: Nil.

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

	Section 133			Section 134	
Nature of Work (1)	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises (5)	Notices served (6)
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.	4	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4	0	0	0	0

(7) There were no prosecutions.